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or perhaps - the day after Thank & giving - in order to be in time for the examinations - I feel afraid that I ought not to let her go on in uncertainty. And yet the need is pressing - and she is very anxious to do some thing for her own support.

Memill is practicing law - but as yet - is not making much money - Charles is still a clerk with Baker Bird & Kendrick & his salary tho' small is sure. They are good children. Men now - to all the world I but myself. The girls will go to Oakland - where Annie Memill is - an invalid - with her younger brother & near relatives. If you will be so kind as to write & tell me - whether you know of any pen ing. - or if you think the scheme a wild one - I shall be much obliged to you. & will write again myself giving you particulars.

Remember her me to your wife & child & believe us all affectionately your friends.

With love
Julia M. Morris

My dear Friend,

I do not know that this letter will reach you - for I am not sure that you are still living at Martiney. But I will write and try. It has been about five years since I have heard from you. Not I believe since you sailed away to the Northern Ocean. But I will not reproach you for I have no doubt that you have been busy and happy at home with wife and child. There was no call to write. Just so has it been with me and mine. In spite of the

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lapse of years. I feel sure
that the same old friend-
ship is safe and sound
and that I may safely
call on you - now that I
happen to need you.

You do not know that my
brother - Col. Merrill has
met with disappointment
and reverses - and his losses
have involved me somewhat.
After due consultation with
friends and relatives. It seems
to be best that my Janet -

You will recall her - and
my brother's daughter Mary
should go to California to
teach. We have now certainly
decided - but want to get all
the information we can in
regard to either city or
country schools. The girls are
well prepared for teaching

having both had good educations.
- Janet a Classical one.
She is not very strong however
& it has not seemed necessary
heretofore that she should
teach - except occasionally a
few private pupils - in French
or some of the simpler studies.
She is never very strong in
this climate - but the sea air
always braces her up - and I
feel sure the climate of
California will be good for her.
You may remember her as
a sweet little girl of ten
or twelve - she & Katy Gaydon
were always together. She is still
sweet and good a true & unselfish
little woman. I shall miss her
as will her brothers - but will
try to do without her. I should
it seem best. The girls want
to start early in December